



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D.C. 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

In the President's FY 2011 Budget to the Congress, a proposal of about \$13 Million for the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is included.

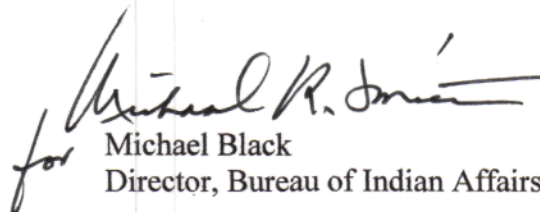
If appropriated, funds will be available to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations for use in providing program services to Indian applicants who meet the eligibility criteria in 25 CFR, Part 256, HIP regulations, revised as of April 1, 2009. Your Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regional office should have contacted each tribal servicing office, notifying you of the possibility of funds and the collection of HIP data prior to this notice. The collection of housing applications should be an ongoing process throughout the year. Tribal applicant HIP data is due to the Regional Offices by close of business November 30, 2010. Tribes are permitted to include FY 2009 applicant data in their FY 2010 summary of eligible applicant data, but must update the applicant eligibility criteria requirements pursuant to 25 CFR § 256. 14(d)(2).

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), as published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2009, has been extended to include FY 2011. Therefore, the January 2009 FPIG will be utilized for HIP during the FY 2011 program year.

The following forms are provided for the implementation in the 2011 program year, FY 2009 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) as published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2009; FY 2010 Annual Performance Report Forms; BIA Housing Assistance Application Form 6407.

Tribes are invited to contact their local agency, regional, or self-governance representative for more information or contact Mr. Les Jensen, Housing Program Officer, at (907) 586-7397 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

  
for Michael Black  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Enclosures    FY 2009 DHHS FPIG(extended)  
                  FY 2011 Annual Performance Forms  
                  BIA Housing Assistance Application Form 6407(Recertified August \_ 2008)